

BERSHBA (GRANDMOTHER)

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GRANDPARENTS

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Thomas Lincoln Family

Grandparents
Bathsheba

Excerpts from newspapers and other
sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

LINCOLN'S GRANDMOTHERS.

Abraham Lincoln's ancestry improves with every new research. The identification of his two lost grandmothers by the Rev. William E. Barton of Oak Hills, Ill., lends support to the theory that Lincoln's progenitors were of good stock.

Bathsheba of the respectable Herring family is revealed as Lincoln's grandmother. She replaces Mary Shipley. "The Shipleys," says Barton, "were created out of less material than went into the making of Eve." It was Bathsheba who was known as "the Widow Lincoln." It was she who led the family a difficult journey through the Cumberland Gap.

Lincoln himself attributed his inherited ability, as well as his good rearing, to the other side of the family. "All that I am I owe to my mother," he said. This mother, Nancy Hanks, was born out of wedlock, in the belief of Lincoln himself. Nancy's mother was Lucy Hanks. Now, the Rev. Mr. Barton claims to have found court records of minor matters in which her name is involved. He asserts that after the birth of Lincoln's mother Lucy married, and claims to have unearthed a specimen of her hand-writing, as follows: "I do certify that I am of age, and give my approbation freely for Henry Sparrow to get our lisons this day or any other day.—Given under my hand—April 26, 1790—Lucy Hanks." Lincoln held to the belief that his mother was the daughter of Lucy Hanks and a Virginia gentleman of high standing.

The scramble for ancestors is a desperate one, especially in this country, where genealogy is comparatively hazy. Still the search generally bears fruit. There is always an extra berth on the Mayflower, into which one's great-great-great-great-grandfather may be tucked. But the search for distinguished ancestors for Lincoln has not been particularly successful. What his biographers have proved is that his family on both sides came of good solid stock, but not aristocratic stock. From such antecedents have sprung many of the world's greatest men. 2/12/25

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
ROSWELL H. CHRISMAN
PHILIP C. COCKERILL

CHRISMAN AND CHRISMAN
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
MAPLETON, IOWA

June 28th, 1929.

Mr Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne Indiana,
My Dear Sir.

Enclosed find a copy of Memoirs of Lincoln
By Herring Chrisman, am sending you this at the request of
Mr Louis Block of Bollinger and Block of Davenport, Iowa.

It just so happens that I up at 3 A.M.
and have been looking through a heavy box of Fathers,
writings and find a written lecture on Lincoln in his own
hand writing, at least 15 & $\frac{1}{4}$ pages of it and possibly
may have some more printing done,.

Please write to Mr Block and let him know
You have received the Memoirs.

Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman,
W.H. Chrisman.

*P.S. Mr Bollinger was in our law class,
he furnishes the energy.*

July 1, 1929

Mr. W. H. Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

Please accept my thanks for the booklet,
Memoirs of Lincoln by Harris Chrisman.

I have read it with a great deal of
interest and hope that you may be successful in
the lecture delivered by Harris Chrisman also
for

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
REC'D JUL 8 1930
Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

July. 7th, 1930.

Dr Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne Indiana.
Dear Dr Warren,

We are publishing a little book
of about 20,000 words some 60 pages, 6 by 9, inches
writings of "Herring Chrisman" reprinting the
"Memoirs of Lincoln" and adding about as much more
this last part include some conversation Mr Chrisman
had with Mr Lincoln, in Springfield between the
Election, and Mr Lincoln's inauguration, principally
in regard to keeping Virginia from secesion.

Could you tell me where I could get
a plate of Mr Lincoln that would be appropriate to go
on one of the front pages of this book,

This is a very pleasant face
you use, on your Envelope. we don't want to
intrude on others, but want the best face we can get.

Any suggestion as to where
we can get the proper negative, will be appreciated
Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman,
W.H. Chrisman.

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MAPLETON, IOWA

Referred to _____

Rec'd JUL 30 1930

Answered _____

LIFE INSURANCE CO.

after New Mexico
July 24th 1930.

Lincoln National Life
Theat. Wayne Indiana
Dear Sirs,

I saw a picture of
Mr Lincoln on your 1930, calendar
in the Burlington ticket-office in
Denver a day or two ago, which
I like very much,
If I fail to get the
picture of Lincoln when the day Mr
Lincoln appointed General Grant-
head of all the Union forces, would
it meet with your pleasure for
me to use that picture in my
little book, about Lincoln &
if so now could I get a negative;
a copy of the picture to have
one made, Yours very truly

W. H. Chrisman,
after New Mexico,

CHRISTMAN AND CHRISTMAN
PUBLISHERS
CHICAGO, ILL.

August 1, 1930

Mr. W. H. Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

My dear Mr. Chrisman:

Your letter came while I was away on my vacation and until now I have not had an opportunity to interview the proper authorities relative to the use of our copyright portrait of Lincoln.

I am pleased to advise you that I have secured permission from the proper authorities for your use of this picture and under separate cover I take pleasure in enclosing a copy.

We trust that your "Memoirs of Lincoln" in its reprinted form may be well received.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
ROSWELL H. CHRISMAN
PHILIP C. COCKERILL

CHRISMAN AND CHRISMAN
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
MAPLETON, IOWA

Aug, 10th, 1930.

Mr Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne Indiana

My Dear Mr Warren

Your letter of Aug 1st and also
the picture mentioned are very thankfully received,
I Just returned Friday evening from a trip in New
Mexico or should have answered before,.

Was much pleased ^{to} find your letter, and
the picture, and also a copy of corrected proof of
the work we are having done at the Vers^eigen Printing Co, *in*
Sioux City, a good many mistakes in the first set up of the type
but in hopes to get it in attractive shape,.

Hoping it may be worth while.

Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman

W.H.Chrisman.

P. S. When I get it finished which may be some little time
I will send you a copy and possibly we can get some mention
of it in the Lincoln Lore.

W.H.C.

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
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LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
REC'D FEB 9 1931 H
Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Feb 6th, 1931.

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.

Fourt Wayne Indiana.

Dear Sirs.

I am sending you a book that we have just gotten a copy of yesterday, I am having some printed. You furnished me with the picture of Mr Lincoln and am anxious for you to see it, and posibly you would make mention in the Lincoln Lore, its so Near Lincoln Birthday,

I have your letters at the house, but am sending this along by this evening train.

Thanking you so much for the Cut of Mr Lincoln and with kind regards.

Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman,
W.H. Chrisman,

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PHILIP C. COCKERILL

Feb, 7th, 1931.

Dr Lewis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne Indiana.
My Dear Dr Warren.

We mailed to the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company one of our "MEMOIRS OF LINCOLN," Yesterday, the 6th. Since then the invitation came from the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation, to attend the Dedicatory Service, on the 11th at Fort Wayne I would love dearly to do so.

We are assisting in loading a car today for the Dried out district of Arkansas, and so many things always to occupy one at home, that seems unwise to do any thing for pleasure alone.

Would it be worth while for me to bring some of these books, if I should get away and run over there,?

Thanking you for the invitation.

Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman
W. H. Chrisman.

February 10, 1931

Box 100, 1931

Mr. W. H. Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

My dear Mr. Chrisman:

On behalf of the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation I wish to thank you for your book "Memoirs of Lincoln" which arrived today and which we are very glad to add to our collection of Lincolniana.

We expect a very fine group here for our dedication exercises and we would be very glad if you could come. Possibly you might meet a great many students here that would warrant your Lincoln publication as we expect quite a group from out of the state.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:LEH

May 12, 1931

Mr. Wm. Herring Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

My dear Mr. Chrisman:

Thank you for forwarding to me your acknowledgment of your book containing the memoirs of Lincoln with their review by Judge James W. Bolling.

We are very glad to have this brief item.

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW: VY
L.A. Warren

August 9, 1932

CHRISMAN, CHRISMAN
—HARRISON—
HARRISON—

Aug. 14, 1932

Dr. Louis A. HARRISON,
Dept. of Medicine,
Harvard Medical School,

Mr. W. H. Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

My dear Mr. Chrisman:

It has occurred to me that you might like to have several copies of the current issue of Lincoln Lore to send to some of your Herring relatives in hope that they may be able to discover some family traditions yet unpublished.

We are very anxious, of course, to get some documentary evidence that will establish without any question the status of Bersheba, widow of Abraham Lincoln.

If you need more copies of this publication, kindly write to us.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LN

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
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Aug, 18th, 1932.

Dr Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne Indiana.
Dear Doctor Warren,

Mr Earl G. Sanem , representing the
"Demand Organization" of Chicago, is soliciting the
board of Trustees of the Methodist Hospital of Sioux
City , to enter into a contract whereby his company
will undertake to raise some \$250.000 by borrowing
from trustees and Ministers and friends of the Hospital
and giving insurance policies in return the Hospital to
keep up the premiums on the policies for a term of years.
Mr Sanem is proposing to use the Lincoln
National Life of Fort Wayne as the Insurance Co.

Being a member of the board and
the Hospital People are soliciting loans, what you might
have to say about the ability of Mr Sanem to carry out
such a proposition and if the Insurance Co are favorable
to those deals.

Yours Very truly.

W. H. Chrisman
W.H. Chrisman.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1932.

OF CHICAGO, ILL.
JAMES M. HARRIS
1000 N. WABASH

August 26, 1932

The following is a copy of the letter received from
the Chicago Tribune, dated August 26, 1932.

Mr. W. H. Chrisman
Chrisman and Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

My dear Mr. Chrisman:

We can recommend most highly the "Demand

Organization" of Chicago whose representative is solicit-
ing the board of Trustees of the Methodist Hospital of
Sioux City to enter into a contract with them.

We would appreciate very much your con-
sideration of their proposition.

We hope you will be at the dedication of
our Lincoln statue. Your invitation will follow.

Sincerely,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW/H

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
ROSWELL H. CHRISMAN
PHILIP C. COCKERILL

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ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
MAPLETON, IOWA

Sept. 11th, 1932.

Dr Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne Indiana
Read Dr Warren.

The very much appreciated invitation to attend the Dedication of the Bronze Statute of Abraham Lincoln-The Hoosier Youth by Paul Manship has been received while I would so much enjoy to be present on that occasion business is so much needing attention at this time seems more to ones duty to remain at home.

Thanking you all for the invitation,
and with kind regards, Yours Very Truly.

W.H. Chrisman.

W. H. Chrisman

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June 18th, 1934.

Dr Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My Dear Mr Warren.

Have been missing the LINCOLN LORE
as April 23 is the last number I have received, have been
in Missouri for a month and wondered if they could have
gone astray in the mean time.

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"Mr J. Huston Harrison, of 32 Washington
Avenue, Rosemont, Alexandria, Va. Is having a book published
about the "Harrissons", and has quite a bit about the Harrings
and Lincoln relatives, that lived in Rockingham County
Virginia. Mr Harrison is the Gentleman that wrote
the notes for the Memoirs of Lincoln written by Herring
Chrisman that I had published and is very thorough in his work,
Possibly you might be interested in seeing this book or
the part that relates to Lincoln.

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
ROSWELL H. CHRISMAN
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MAPLETON, IOWA

Is there anything to be paid for the LINCOLN LORE,
How can you afford to put in so much work on this
publication year after year and sent it out Free.?

I remember with great pleasure the
pleasant time we had at the dedication of your
Lincoln Room and Display, and the banquet when Your
daughter took the part of little girl Lincoln called
for on his way to Washington,.

With kind regards.

Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman
W. H. Chrisman.

CONFIDENTIAL - CHRISTMAN

ATTENTION: MR. CHRISTMAN

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 21, 1934

Mr. William H. Chrisman

Mapleton, Iowa

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

June 21, 1934

I received a copy of your letter of June 14, 1934, and am glad to hear that you are interested in the book which is being published by Mr. J. Huston Harrison. We will immediately write him for information about the book.

Mr. William H. Chrisman
Mapleton, Iowa

My dear Mr. Chrisman:

Thank you very much for calling to our attention the book which is being published by Mr. J. Huston Harrison. We will immediately write him for information about the book.

Remembering you with much pleasure and also pleased to learn that you have not forgotten your Fort Wayne visit, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation

LAW:EB

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MAPLETON, IOWA

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
ROSWELL H. CHRISMAN
PHILIP C. COCKERILL

August 17th, 1934.

Dr Louis A. Warren.
Ft Wayne Indiana.

Dear Dr Warren.

I received a copy of LITTLE
KNOWN LINCOLN EPISODES." and also the July copies of
LINCOLN LORE? for both of these I thank you very much.

Recently I have received the
prospectus of Mr J. Huston Harrison's book, which have
been looking forward to with much interest, think it will
have something worth while about the Lincolns and Herrings
and cooperate what Herring Chrisman has written about
Bethsheba Herring.

Thanking you for anything that comes
out about Lincoln, And with kind regards,

Yours Very truly.

W. H. Chrisman
W. H. Chrisman.

CHRISMAN & CHRISTMAN
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
MAPLETON, IOWA

Jan 16th, 1935.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Ticonderoga Indian,
by Order of Warren.

August 21, 1934

I have received the Abraham Lincoln
A. LINCOLN BIOGRAPHY. The Boy Lincoln and his Mother shows
a very sweet face of a lovely lad, also the 5 Lincoln Dora,
for December for which I thank you very much.

We are starting tomorrow on a trip
to Florida and regret that will not be at the Springfield
celebration of the Lincoln birthday this year.

I received a letter yesterday from
Barry O. Querr of 444 N. Bolton St Allentown Pa, a guest
member of Mr. W. H. Chrisman

Mapleton, Iowa J. Huston Harrison, work should
be our country & on waiting anxiously to see it.

My dear Mr. Chrisman: Thank you for the good things
that come from your head and heart.

Thank you very much for calling to my attention
the new book by J. Huston Harrison.

W. H. Chrisman

We have just subscribed for the book and look
forward to its coming with interest.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LEH

Director

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MAPLETON, IOWA

WILLIAM H. CHRISMAN
ROSWELL H. CHRISMAN
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EDMUND B. VALENTINE
FARM MANAGER

FARM MANAGEMENT
CITY PROPERTIES
INSURANCE
NOTARY PUBLIC

Jan 15th, 1935.

Mr Louis A. Warren.
Fort Wayne Indiana,
My Dear Mr Warren.

I have received the Abraham Lincoln
A CONCISE BIOGRAPHY. The Boy Lincoln and H,s Mother shows
a very sweet face of a lovely lad, also the 15 "Lincoln Lore,s
for December for which I thank you very much.

We are starting tomorrow on a trip
to Florida and regret that will not be at the Springfield
celebration of the "Lincoln Birthday this year,

Received a letter yesterday from
Harry O Knerr of 444 N. Fulton St Allentown Pa, a great
admirer of Lincoln.

The J. Huston Harrison, work should
be out shortly & am waiting anxiously to see it.

Again thanking you for the good things
that come from your Headquarters,

Yours Very Truly.

W. H. Chrisman
W. H. Chrisman.

Pioneer Burying Ground in Hardin

Elmer News 5-20-1930

(Courier-Journal)

An old burying ground always is interesting, and a few are aware that a pioneer burial plot lies just off the Dixie Highway in Hardin county. It is associated with the Lincoln family, and some of that name are interred there.

The historic old cemetery is located in the Vine Grove vicinity about two miles off the Dixie Highway. The burying ground adjoined the first Mill Creek Baptist church, which was the second religious edifice erected in Hardin county, built soon after Kentucky was admitted to Statehood. The burial plot includes the Lincoln lot in which Bethsheba Lincoln and two of her daughters are buried. The ruins of the foundation of the old Mill Creek church are yet visible in the ancient cemetery, which long has been neglected and presents a very dilapidated appearance.

Although in close proximity to a modern highway, the long-abandoned cemetery is reached with some difficulty except in good weather, as about a mile of the journey must be made on foot. Made easier of access, there hardly is a doubt but that many tourists on their way to the Lincoln shrine would stop to visit the historic burying ground associated with that pioneer Kentucky family.

There is something about an ancient cemetery that seems to appeal to the average tourist, and many travelers stop to inspect the plots and read the inscriptions on the headstone. For some years it has been the custom in various parts of the State to make the old burying grounds more attractive by giving them some care. In some cases patriotic societies have become interested in such a movement.

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Tampa, Florida,
June 1, 1931.

Dr Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

In reference to the name of the paper and the date of the publication of the article I mailed you, I have figured out the following:-

You will note in reading the article, the date given of the death of Lucy Potter was the year of 1875. Farther on in the article, the writer states, " To Ellen Campbell were born five children of whom Lucy, who died less than two years ago, was the youngest." That, it seems to me, would place the date the article was written as 1876-7.

On the reverse side of the clipping, lifted from the Scrap-book, I find river news given of boats leaving Cincinnati for points down the Ohio. Also an item of news " Condition of Louisiana - Washington (Jan 14) Cor. Cincinnati Gazette. - No year given. I conclude from this, the paper was the Cincinnati Gazette, issue of Jan. 14, or a little later, 1876-7.

Hoping the above will be of some aid in locating the matter, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

(Mrs) Jennie Schooby Hoffman

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ANCESTRY.

H. Gideon Welles contributes to the January number of Galaxy an article on the administration of Abraham Lincoln, which contains some interesting and hitherto unpublished information about Lincoln's ancestry. This was a subject of which Lincoln confessed his own ignorance. In 1875 there died in Bellefonte, Pa., a Mrs Lucy Potter, who was a great - aunt of president Lincoln. Her father William Winters, was born in 1728 and died in 1794. He emigrated from Berks County, Pa., to Northumberland, now Lycoming County, in 1728. He had by two wives nineteen children, and there was an interval of forty-two years between the birth of the oldest and that of the youngest. His first wife whom he married in 1747 in the province of Virginia, was Ann Boone, a sister of Col. Daniel Boone, the famous Kentucky pioneer. By her he had four sons and seven daughters. The eldest daughter, Hannah, married Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the President, in Rockingham Co., Va. He emigrated to Kentucky, from which state he made a visit to his father-in-law, John Winters. Not long afterward Lincoln was killed by the Indians, leaving a son six years old, who became the father of the President. Mr William Winters married his second wife, Ellen Campbell, in 1784 and from this union were born three sons and five daughters, of whom Lucy, who died less than two years ago, was the youngest, - After the death of William Winters his widow was licensed to keep a "house entertainment" where Williamsport now is. There she lived and reared her own large family and several step-children. Her daughters seem to have been very fortunate in their marriages. The husbands of two of them became Justices of Supreme Court of the state, and Lucy, the youngest, was the wife of W. W. Potter, who died while a member of Congress in 1838. She survived him thirty-seven years, continuing a widow. What is new in these facts is the connection of the Winters family with the Lincolns, which was not known to the President. Mr Welles says that he has no doubt of the authenticity of the relation, and that the President's ancestry in this county, paternal and maternal - Lincoln, Boone and Winters, - is now traced to the county of Berks, in Pennsylvania.

*Butcher Jan - the Ancestry page 11
about Jan 14, 1876*

This need not be returned

Tulsa, Okla.
Sept. 4, 1902.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Dear Sir-

I was very much interested in an article appearing in our morning paper regarding the lineage of Lincoln in connection with the statue you are soon to dedicate in your city.

For some time I have made a study of the parentage of Lincoln with the hopes of finding out more about his grandmother Bathsheba Herring but have never found anything aside from the mere mention that she was the daughter of one Leonard Herring of Rockingham Co. Va. She is supposed to have been born in Berk's Co. Pa.

I am the Great-granddaughter of one John Herring also born in Pa. and naturally am very anxious to know if there is any connection in these Herring families.

I note by this article that you have unearthed some new evidence regarding Lincoln's family and should you have any information regarding the Herring line I should greatly appreciate any information that you can give me, or tell me where I can get the information.

Dr. William Barton has given a very complete outline of the Lincoln and Hanks families in his book "The Paternity of Lincoln" with the proof of the marriage of Nancy Hanks and Thos. Lincoln the doubt of which saddened Lincoln's life.

Also in "Your Family Tree" written by the late David Starr Jordan among the outlines of prominent men the Lincoln outline gives the Evans family back to Henry the 1 King of France.

Sarah Evans married the first John Hank or Hanks of Whitmarsh, Pa.

Wishing you the best of success in your work and hoping that I may hear from you I am

Yours very truly,

Mrs Fred M. Johnson

September 6, 1932

Mrs. Fred M. Johnson
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

You would be pleased I am
sure to get in touch with W. H. Crisman,
Mapleton, Iowa who has written a book on
the Lincoln-Herring contacts.

Thank you for your infor-
mation concerning these families.

Sincerely,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAE/H

Cox's Creek, Ky. ----- Sept. 22, 1933.

Dear Brother Warren :

Did I understand you to say that no historian as yet has definitely located the maiden name of Bathsheba Lincoln, widow of pioneer Lincoln ? It appears to me that Barton was working on that some years ago, and he ((Barton)) at that time had me to find the name "Lincoln Gum" ((Abraham Lincoln Gum), a son of old Jacob Gum, that old Jacob named this son "Lincoln", after pioneer Abraham Lincoln, and that Abraham Lincoln got this boy named after him, because he ((Lincoln)) and Jacob Gum were brothers-in-law.

Have you a photo of the old home up in Virginia where Abraham Lincoln departed from when he made removal down to the "800 acres" upon upper Greene River ?

It appeared to my mind fixed that Bathsheba Gum married to Abraham Lincoln, pioneer, in that county in Va. which pioneer Abraham Lincoln left from when he brought his wife and family to "Upper Greene River" on the "800 acre" tract which was later patented to Morticia Lincoln in ((about)) 1802 or thereabouts.

However, if this land "800 Acres" was not patented in Morticia Lincoln's name, it was eventually sold by Morticia Lincoln and conveyed by him to purchaser.

It does seem strange, that no marriage license in Va. can be found for Abraham Lincoln, pioneer, and "Bathsheba".

Very Truly Yours. L. S. Perce

Vine Grove, Ky. Sept. 25, 33.

September 26 1933

Dr. Louis A. Harvey,
Fort Wayne,
Ind.

Dear Doctor:

Mr. L. S. Pence
Cox's Creek, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pence:

The enclosed copy of Lincoln Lore, I think, will give you about all we know with reference to Lincoln's grandmother, the wife of the pioneer Abraham Lincoln. As you see, we know very little. It appears to me that the key word in our entire problem is the name Josiah. It is not a Lincoln name but evidently a name taken from Abraham Lincoln's wife's family.

I never heard of the Gum relationship or of any of the Lincolns living near the Gums on Knob Creek in Kentucky.

Dr. Barton very stoutly denied that there was more than one marriage and concludes that this marriage was the marriage of the pioneer to Bethsheba Herring.

I am advised that the old farm which Abraham Lincoln left in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia at the time of his removal contained a large cabin but the brick building now occupying the site was put up many years after by his brother Jacob Lincoln.

The site which they settled on coming to Kentucky on Green River is now in Casey County, I understand.

Anything you may contribute about the grandmother of Abraham Lincoln will be very much appreciated by all Lincoln students.

Very sincerely yours,

Director

LAW:LE
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Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

Vine Grove, Ky. Sept. 25, 33.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne,
Ind.

Dear Doctor:-

On page 16, your History of Lincoln, you are not certain as to the grave of Bersheba Lincoln in the Brumfield lot in the old Cemetery of the Regular Baptist Church of Mill Creek. When a boy up to manhood, we lived a neighbor to Mrs. Lucretia Austin, who was (according to tradition) the eldest daughter of Nancy Ann Lincoln and Wm. Brumfield. Mrs. Austin was very sore at her neighbors on account of their ill treatment of her because she was a first cousin of Abe Lincoln. She was a woman of good sense and resented that treatment, until she only neighbored with her four married daughters who lived near her.

Some few years before we moved into that part of the county Mrs. Austin's oldest daughter, Nancy Harbold, lost her husband and with her four small children moved back to her mother's home. My mother helped Nancy nurse Mrs. Austin through a sharp short spell of sickness and after that Mrs. Austin was a friendly neighbor. Mrs. Austin asked my mother to let Nancy work up her wool crop, as she could handle it from the sheep's back until it came out of the loom, and for some years Nancy did work up the wool; come Monday morning and leave Saturday evening, to be with her children on Sundays. Each night after supper Miss Nancy brought forth her stone pipe and after some few heavy puffs she was ready to talk and did tell many things that had happened in the north end of Hardin County before we had moved there. She did tell my mother in my presence that her Grandpa, Grandma, Aunt Mollie and Granny Lincoln were buried as named in the old cemetery of the First Baptist Church of Mill Creek about one mile west of her mother's house. That Granny Lincoln, Grandma and Grandpa had lived and died at that same house. I heard Mrs. Austin tell my father and mother that her father, mother, Mollie and granny were buried in the order named in that old cemetery.

I was nearly grown and reading history before I knew that Mrs. Lincoln had any other name except "Granny", as all the old people in that section spoke of her as "Granny Lincoln". Then history said her name was Bathsheba until Dr. Louis A. Warren found her name written by herself and recorded as Bersheba. From seven to twenty years old our neighbors on the south south east and east, and one family on the farm, were daughters of Lucretia Austin and granddaughters of Nancy Ann Lincoln Brumfield and we gathered quite a lot of Lincoln history and traditions. Mrs. Lucretia Austin was about seven years older than President Lincoln and I never heard her call him at any time by any other name than "Little Abe" and she spoke of her grandfather as Grandpa Abe.

G. E. Montgomery



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7615 E. Ocean View

~~4614 East Broadway~~
TELEPHONE ~~870-93~~
Long Beach, Calif.

Write him about
Herring family in Penn.

March 21, 1935

Mr. Harry Herring
2615 E. Ocean Ave.
Long Beach, California

My dear Mr. Herring:

Back at my desk again after a two months absence due to my speaking itinerary in the West I am trying to check up on some of the contacts made and I find your card with the notation that I should send you the name of the gentleman who has done some work on the history of the Herring family.

"Memoirs of Lincoln" by Herring Chrisman was published by his son William Herring Chrisman in 1930.

You may reach William Herring Chrisman by addressing him at Mapleton, Iowa.

I am also taking occasion to enclose a photostat copy of a bulletin I published some years ago in which I tried to untangle the mystery of the Herring ancestry of Abraham Lincoln. I trust you will be able to help us discover some Pennsylvania contacts between the Lincolns and Herrings and if we are able to do this we may prove, as I hope we may be able to do, that Abraham Lincoln the pioneer was married but once and that his first wife was a Herring. This fact has never been proven satisfactorily to Lincoln students.

You will also find enclosed the copy of Lincoln Lore giving the Lincoln ancestral line, which may be of interest to you.

Mr. Harry Herring

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March 21, 1935

Please feel that we are greatly interested in trying to solve once and for all the question of Lincoln's maternal grandmother and if you have Pennsylvania records on the Herrings, it seems to me you are in a good position to help us.

If you care for documents on the Herring family in Virginia, I have a great many of those and would be pleased to cooperate with you in any way possible.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH
Encs.

Director

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Dear Mother

I find I have two papers sent
by John J. French and also know
Mr + Mrs Ann Harrison, the parents
of John's wife.

Mr Harrison was a school teacher when
3 months school at \$500 per month
was the limit - In the spring and
summer months or rather the other 9
months of the year he raised crops
and made whiskey barrels and
was known as a first class cooper
by trade - Good people -

Moved to Mo. when John and his
wife and others went out -

No doubt about where "Granny Lincoln"
is buried as have heard both Mrs
Monta Weston and her eldest daughter
Nancy Harwood both talk about such
things many times -

Yours truly

F. C. Montgomery

May 12, 1931.

I, John J. French, of Route #4, Vine Grove, Ky., being in the 73rd year of my life make this statement.

In August 1879 I married Elizabeth Frances Harrison the 2nd daughter of Abner and Susan Harrison and two weeks later we, with nineteen other persons, moved to South East Missouri. We remained there until the Fall of 1880 and on the account of so much Swamp fever we came back to Kentucky; my wife and infant son both being ill of Swamp fever, from which she never recovered, and died in August 1881. About two weeks before my wife's death her mother, Susan Harrison, came from South East Mo., to be with her, and at her death selected the place for her interment, which was by the side of her Great Great Grandmother Bersheba Lincoln in the Lincoln lot in the Old First Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

My wife's mother, Mrs. Susan Harrison, was a grand daughter of Nancy Lincoln Brumfield, making her a great grand daughter of Bersheba Lincoln, and she knew where each member of her family was buried in the Lincoln lot at this Old Cemetery and had no trouble in locating the proper place for my wife's last resting place. Before the death of my wife and before the arrival of her mother she requested me, should her mother not arrive until after her death, that she be buried with her own people in the Lincoln lot in the Old First Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

John J. French
Mark

Witness

G. E. McAllister

Subscribed and sworn to before me by John J. French of R.F.D. # 4 Vine Grove, Kentucky., This 12th day of May 1931.

[Signature]
Notary Public, Hardin County, Ky.
My commission expires July 5, 1932

Dear Sir:

Washington, D.C., July 21, 1937

Your letter of July 15th with enclosure of "Lincoln Kinsmen" was duly received. However, the bulletin carrying names of Lincoln's relatives was omitted with the two enclosures sent to the Genl. I should like very much to have this if you have one to spare. I have considerable information about the Elizabeth Lincoln line. Two of her grand-children are living at Woodstock, Ontario but are very old people. I have visited them and am in constant correspondence. I have two of her books, and some pictures of the old home. I'll be glad to give you any information you may desire. Kindly outline what you would like to have. Miss Bettie Christian, nee Elizabeth Lincoln Christian, and her brother Joe Edgar Christian, live at Woodstock, Ont. Their father refused to recognize him as wife, Elizabeth Lincoln, and she lives in Ontario.

September 9, 1937

Mr. G. E. McMurtry
Vine Grove, Kentucky

My dear Mr. McMurtry:

Thank you very much for your letter and also the attached affidavit of John J. French.

I am still very anxious to learn, however, what Bersheba Lincoln's maiden name was. John Hall says it was Shipley, while the people in Rockingham County, Virginia claim that it was Herring. Is it not possible that some of the descendants through the Crumes of Bramfield could discover just who Bersheba was before she married the Pioneer Abraham Lincoln?

Any information you might gather on this subject would be timely, indeed.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

September 2, 1937

Mr. O. E. McHenry
Five Grove, Kentucky

My dear Mr. McHenry:

Thank you very much for your letter and also the
attached affidavits of John J. French.

I am still very anxious to learn, however, what
Bertha's maiden name was. John will say it was
Shipley, while the people in Rockingham County, Virginia claim
that it was French. Is it not possible that one of the
descendants through the French of Bertha could discover
just who Bertha was before she married the Frenchman?
Bertha?

Any information you might have on this subject
would be timely, indeed.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAM:MR

Dear Sir:

Gering, Nebr. July 21, 1938

Your letter of July 15th with announcement of "Lincoln Kinsmen" new bulletin enclosed. However the bulletin carrying names of Lincoln's relatives was omitted altho two enclosures were to be sent. I should like very much to have this if you have one to spare me. I have considerable information about the Elizabeth Lincoln line two of her grandchildren are living at Moccasin, Montana but are very old people. I have visited them and am in constant correspondence. I have two of her books. I also have pictures of the old home. I'll be glad to send any information you may desire. Kindly outline what you would like to have. Miss Bettie Chrisman, named for Elizabeth Lincoln Chrisman, and her brother Joe Andy Chrisman live at Moccasin, Mont. Their father refused to recognize kinship with Abraham Lincoln. I have picture of Elizabeth Lincoln's grave.

There are a number of mistakes
in the Memoirs of Lincoln by
Herring Chrisman, but he wrote
in good faith. I presume you have
copy of the deed signed by
Abraham Lincoln and Batsab Lincoln
deeding Rockingham Co. Va. land
away when they went to Ky. Geo.
Chrisman is one of witnesses.

Edell Chrisman Laughlin

THIS IS THE SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Louis A. Warren

Director Lincoln National
Life Foundation

Fort Wayne, Indiana

July 26, 1938

Miss Estelle Chrisman Laughlin
Gering, Nebraska

Dear Miss Laughlin:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your card of July 21 to Dr. Warren, who is absent from Fort Wayne for the next two weeks. I am sure he will be very much interested in reading your card.

It may be possible that the bulletin which was mentioned as being enclosed in Dr. Warren's letter of July 15 was sent under separate cover, and, if this is the case, I trust that you have received it by this time.

Yours very truly,

MAC:EB

Librarian

M. A. Cook

August 4, 1938

Miss Estelle Chrisman Laughlin
Gering, Nebraska

My dear Madam:

Your note brought with it some very interesting information and I am greatly in hopes you will be able to clear up for us one problem which has confronted Lincoln genealogists all these years. The question is, who was Bathsheba Herring and is there any document anywhere that will allow us to prove conclusively who her parents were?

I am quite familiar with Mr. Chrisman's work and agree with you that there are several very serious mistakes in his deductions.

It appears to me that it would be very worth while to make record of anything that is available about Elizabeth Lincoln, a ^{grand}sister of Abraham Lincoln's own grandfather, and if it would not be too much trouble I wish you might give me the names of *Elizabeth descendants*. The only fact we have about her is that she married Joseph Chrisman, son of John and Anne Harrison Chrisman and that she lies buried at Cooks Creek. *Virginia* There is a record of but one child, a son, John or Joseph, who had one daughter, Mary, who in 1915 was living in *Bozeman* Montana.

Thank you very much for any information you may be able to give us.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

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Feb. 27, 1940.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

In looking over some of the back issues of The Lincoln Kinsman, I find in the September, 1938 number that you are appealing for information about the Herring line.

Of course I have nothing to add to your present data, but have remembered about a little book given me by a neighbor before she died. It is compiled and published by Harry M. Strickler, of Luray, Va., and entitled "Tenth Legion Tithables".

I wonder if you have this booklet; since it gives names of 5 Herring tithables at that period of 1792, and as it is his home locality, I am wondering if Mr. Strickler may have considerable data not printed in this book. He printed this in 1930. He states that the "Herrings still live between Dayton and Bridgewater on west fork of Cooks Creek. I think this is a very old homestead. Here we have Abigail Herring. I think it was an Abigail Herring that married Abraham Lincoln and became the grandmother of the President. I noticed that this name was spelled on an old tombstone in Harrisonburg, Herron."

I am particularly interested in the map he has bound into the back of the book; it shows the site of the Lincoln home on Linville Creek and also locates a point as site where "Pres. Lincoln's father was born about 177- (this is blotted)"

If it should so happen that you do not have the booklet, I would be glad to loan mine for your survey; however, I think it likely that Mr. Strickler may still be pursuing his genealogical profession at Luray, Va. He was of the same family line as my neighbor friend.

Trusting you may have success in your efforts to establish this line, I am,

Very sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mary E. Thornbrough

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February 29, 1940

Mrs. Mary E. Thornbrough
Board of Social Welfare
Kearny County
Lakin, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Thornbrough:

I wish to sincerely thank you for your letter of February 27 to Dr. Warren, who is now absent from Fort Wayne on an annual speaking itinerary.

We do not have in our possession a volume compiled by Harry M. Strickler entitled "Tenth Legion Tithables."

I will be very happy to place your letter before Dr. Warren when he returns to Fort Wayne. If he has not had the privilege of viewing a volume by Strickler I am sure that he will be very happy to get in touch with you and will appreciate your courtesy of a loan of your copy.

Yours very truly,

MAC:EB
M. A. Cook

Librarian

Herring

Administrative
Service Bureau
Department of Justice

March 11, 1940

Mr. Louis A. Warren
Fort Payne, Alabama
Dear Mr. Warren:

Mrs. Mary E. Thornbrough
Board of Social Welfare
Kearny County
Lakin, Kansas

Dear Madam:

Thank you for calling to our attention
the little book written by Mr. Strickler entitled
"Tenth Legion Tithables."

We do have three books by Mr. Strickler
but none of this title. If you would care to for-
ward it for our observation, we would be pleased
indeed and if any copies are available we will
write to Mr. Strickler, if the copy seems to be of
interest. Thank you very much for the information
which your letter contains.

Very truly yours,

LAW:KS
L.A. Warren

Director

Yours truly,

L. A. Warren

*The Board of Social Welfare referred to was in south of
my wife.*

Harrisonburg Va.
Route 4-B222
November 8, 1940

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Fort Wayne Indiana
Dear Dr. Warren:

I recently received through the publishers a copy of your Bulletin " Lincoln Kinsman" wherein you give my affidavit as to my personal knowledge of the maiden name of Bathsheba the grandmother of the President.

In this communication I gave what I believe to be almost absolute proof of Herring being the maiden name of the presidents grandmother and this ^{is} the recorded fact that in a list of upwards of three thousand marriage licenses issued between 1778 and 1825 there does not occur even one womans given name of Bathsheba except, the Bathsheba that married Abraham Lincoln in 1770 at which time the records indicate he was only 26 years old. *and this Bathsheba was the mother of all his children*

Your correspondent says Abraham married Mary Shipley and the other two you list in the bulletin says Ann Boone the other claimant records Hanniah or Elizabeth Winters as neither of these name a Bathsheba and as Bathsheba is the proven given name of Abrahams wife can there be any further doubt that she was Bathsheba Herring.? please let me have your definite opinion of this in view of the above and other confirmatory evidence.

Yours truly,

W. S. Tallis

The Major Chrisman referred to was an uncle of my wife.

December 3, 1940

Mr. W. S. Fallis
Route No. 4-B222
Harrisonburg, Va.

My dear Mr. Fallis:

I expect the confusion about the maternity of the five Lincoln children born in the Shenandoah Valley to Abraham Lincoln and his wife has been largely due to the testimony of one of the grandchildren of Nancy Lincoln or Ann, who married William Brumfield. He lived in the very community where Bathsheba died, yet the testimony given with reference to his grandmother makes no statement whatever with reference to the Herring family.

Another testimonial which did very much to destroy the traditional evidence with respect to Abraham Lincoln, the Pioneer's wife, were the details of the reminiscences which did not seem to jibe with facts. For instance, in all of the early traditions Bersheba was called the daughter of Leonard Herring. Soon it was pointed out to the members of the Herring family that if that were true, Bersheba would have been about eight years old and possibly ten

When it was pointed out that Leonard Herring was married but ten years before Abraham Lincoln was married and could not have had a daughter eligible for marriage by 1770 then the tradition immediately changed and made Bersheba a sister of Leonard instead of a daughter. You can see how this confused Lincoln historians, and the further story with reference to the Lincoln family living in a lower social strata than the Herrings also made people wonder just how much truth there was in the tradition.

We should all like to see very much some official document that would settle forever the question of Bersheba's parentage and also some official document that would establish she was the first and only wife of Abraham Lincoln. While I feel quite sure myself that Bersheba was a member of the Herring family, there are no documents which prove it other than tradition and booklore, and there are no documents which prove conclusively that she was the only wife of Pioneer Lincoln. My thought is that some day with proper search there may be found in Augusta or Rockingham County some reference to Bersheba Lincoln early enough to indicate just when she did become the Pioneer's wife.

I trust that if you have time or any of your associates have time you will not fail to exhaust all available records in Harrisonburg in order that we may have documentary proof about the maternity of Abraham Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

March 16, 1942

Mrs. Ethel West Weaver
Thomas Jefferson High School
San Antonio, Texas

My dear Madam:

While visiting at the Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio in January I had the pleasure of meeting you after the address before the students and you advised me about your connection with the Herring family of Rockingham County, Virginia.

Just back at my desk after several weeks absence I find a notation that I am to send you a little bulletin on the Herring family of Virginia, which you will please find attached.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

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May 15 1945

Dr. Louis A. Warren

Lincoln National Life Foundation

Fort Wayne Indiana

Dear Dr. Warren :

At the request of Thad Davison of Earlville I am trying to trace down the Lincoln family ~~line~~ tree back to the grandfather of Abraham Lincoln. On the face of it it seems to be a rather hopeless task with little to go on.

The facts are these : Josiah Davision was a Virginian one of the ~~as~~ colonial sheriffs under the King of England prior to the outbreak of the ~~Civil War~~ Revolutionary war.

Then he joined the patriot forces in ~~the~~ Virginia serving about two years.

He reared a family of six children in old Virginia and after the death of his wife split his 1800 acres of land among them, each getting 300 acres and a ~~of~~ brick house. Among these six children was Jesse Davidson who died young leaving a son Alexander Herron Davision born March 4 1817. He died in October 1921. This man married late in life and ~~had~~ two sons were born to him Thad and Jesse who now live at Earlville, IllinoisX

Henry
May 24, 1945

Mr. C. C. Tisler
Ottawa, Illinois

My dear Mr. Tisler:

For a great many years I have been trying to solve the problem of the paternal grandmother of Abraham Lincoln and while there is a *perpetuum* of evidence which points to the Bersheba Lincoln who married grandfather Abraham Lincoln as having been a member of the Herring family as yet we have been unable to establish through any authorized record the proof we so much desire.

You will observe by the attached bulletin that Josiah Davidson has been mentioned as the father of Bersheba and I hope some day we may be able to find out the maiden name of his wife. We would welcome any information not already available in our files which would help to throw light on this question.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

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May 28 1945

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren :

Thank you for the information on the Lincoln ancestry
which I like so many others am trying to clear up with out much
success.

Here are some facts that may or may not be known to you
but may help to clear this mystery of who Abraham's Lincoln grandmother
was :

The Davison brothers, Thad and Jesse are residents of
LaSalle county living about 20 miles north of here near the little
village of Earlville. Both are well along in years.

They are the sons of Alexander Herron Davison who was
born in Virginia March 4 1817 and died in LaSalle county October 31
1921 at the age of 104 years. He was a resident of Virginia until the
Civil war broke out when he packed up and came to Illinois because
of his strong union sentiment.

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LINCOLN'S PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS, KENTUCKY PIONEERS

The paternal grandparents of Abraham Lincoln and the great grandfather of R. C. Ballard Thurston, who recently passed away at Louisville, Kentucky, were pioneer contemporaries in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and both were killed by the Indians within two years of each other. The decease of Mr. Thurston and the fact that so many of the events associated with Lincoln's paternal grandparents happened in the month of May invites the review of a few pioneer Lincoln episodes at this time.

Mr. Thurston for many years was president of the Filson Club and for a long period an outstanding patron of Kentucky history. His pioneer kinsman, Bland W. Ballard, might be called the earliest recorder of an historical episode connected with the Lincoln family in Kentucky. His observation was submitted to Col. R. T. Durrett and preserved in the colonel's papers now in the Durrett Collection at Chicago University Library. The item in question referred to a massacre which took place at Hughes' Station a few miles east of Louisville and under a crude pencil sketch of the station or fort is this notation:

"Bland W. Ballard states that the station was erected by Morgan Hughes in 1780; that it stood on Long Run in Jefferson County not far from the Baptist Meeting House; that it consisted of eight cabins and four block houses at the corners and that it was a weak fort poorly built. In 1786 a man was killed here by an Indian, while he was coming to the station from his land on Long Run, where he had been putting in a crop. His family resided in the station and soon after his death the widow and children moved to Washington County."

A footnote has been appended to this notation in the handwriting of Col. Durrett and apparently made at a much later date than the body of the document: "Query, might not this man thus killed have been Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of the President?"

Several duly authorized public records have been discovered which contribute to the support of Col. Durrett's supposition that the man killed on Long Run at Hughes' Station was the grandfather of the President.

It is a well known fact that Lincoln's paternal grandfather, for whom he was named, entered a four hundred acre tract of land near Hughes' Station in Kentucky on March 4, 1780. He migrated to Kentucky about 1782 and on May 17, 1785, William May, surveyor of Jefferson County, surveyed this tract, which he identified as situated on "the Fork of Floyd's Fork now called Long Run." Abraham Lincoln, the pioneer, himself served as "marker" for the surveyor and his second son, Josiah, and his cousin, Hananiah, are named as "chain carriers." This entry in the surveyor's office at Louisville clearly identifies Lincoln with the tract of land on Long Run adjacent to Hughes' Station, one year before the massacre in the same fatal month of May.

Mordecai Lincoln, oldest son of the pioneer Lincoln, set forth in a bill against John Reed's heirs that, "Abraham Lincoln departed this life in May, 1786, without will," which forever establishes the date of the pioneer's death.

When Abraham Lincoln, the Whig Congressman from Illinois, was in Washington, he corresponded with relatives about his ancestry; he commented on his grandfather having been killed by the Indians in Kentucky. Later he wrote to another relative about the massacre in these words:

"The story of his (grandfather Abraham Lincoln) death by the Indians, and of Uncle Mordecai, then fourteen years old, killing one of the Indians, is the legend more strongly than all others imprinted upon my mind and memory."

The massacre was also mentioned in the autobiographical selections for campaign purposes in which Mr. Lincoln emphasized the grandfather "was killed by Indians, not in battle but by stealth when he was laboring to open a farm in the forest." The President usually placed the death of his grandfather "about the year 1784" but as we have observed from the testimony of Mordecai, who shot the Indian, it was in the month of May, 1786.

Some weeks after the massacre of Lincoln's grandfather, which apparently aroused the pioneers because of the sad fate of the widow with five small children and other community casualties, George Rogers Clark, another kinsman of Mr. Thurston, was encouraged to plan an expedition against the Wabash Indians. A subscription was circulated in the Floyd Fork community on which appear, among others, both the names of the Widow Lincoln and Bland Ballard, great grandfather of Rogers Clark Thurston Ballard.

The proposal on the subscription list is as follows: "We, the undersigned subscribers, being fully sworn to appraise the following articles for the use of the expedition against the Wabash Indians, commanded by General Clark for Capt. George Pomeroy's Company. September the 8th, 1786."

Then follows 36 items and among them:

"A gun, the property of Widow Lincoln—8. 0. 0."

"A pack saddle, the property of Bland Ballard—0. 9. 0."

One of the most recent unpublished discoveries by the editor of Lincoln Lore relating to Lincoln's grandparents is a manuscript which proves that the Widow Lincoln soon removed her family to Washington County as the Bland W. Ballard statement indicates. The agreement signed by Jeremiah York also proves the widow had taken active steps to set about supporting her family of five children. The covenant and its endorsements which appear in the papers of the suit brought by the widow against York for "Covenant Broken" follows.

Lincoln vs. York

Land Covenant Broken

Feb. 1, 1788.

I promise or cause to be done for Barshe (usually spelled Bersheba) Lincoln the clearing of two acres of land smack smothe for four pounds the work is to be done this spring and six acres to be cleared for the plow for six pounds.

Test

Jeremiah York

James Cullough

Suit brought against him for covenant broken and recovery of 20 pounds asked.

Endorsement

May 20, 1788

Not executed by order of Plaintiff.

Thomas Bridges
August, 1788

We are now able to move back the arrival of widow Bersheba Lincoln and her five orphan children in Washington County, Kentucky, as early as February 1, 1788. This is eight months before the appraisal of the pioneer's estate was ordered on October 14, 1788. The document and its endorsement is of further interest in that it reveals the Widow Lincoln did not press her charges against York, which might imply at least that he had made some further agreement to carry out his contract.

Mr. Lincoln

How many quiz experts could give the maiden name of Abraham Lincoln's maternal grandmother? It was Bathsheba Herring. No quiz expert in the world, however, could give the name of Lincoln's maternal grandfather. Who he was is not known to this day.

These and a multitude of other odd and colorful facts about Lincoln and the Civil War were compiled by Richard Hanser in his research for the script of "Meet Mr. Lincoln" which NBC-TV network is presenting Feb. 11, in connection with the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Here is a grab-bag of curiosities for Civil War buffs:

All actors who impersonate Lincoln on stage and screen deliver their lines in a rich, deep baritone. Lincoln had a high, thin voice.

When the Civil War broke out, 22 per cent of all Army officers went over to the Confederacy. But only 26 enlisted men left the Stars and Stripes.

ONE OF THE MOST beautiful letters ever written in the English language is Lincoln's letter of condolence to Mrs. Lydia Bixby on the loss of her five sons in battle. It turned out that Lincoln had been misled by the War Department. Mrs. Bixby lost only two sons. Two of the other sons deserted, and the fifth survived also.

LINCOLN'S SCRUPULOUS honesty has become legendary, but he was once accused by a newspaper of padding his expense account as a Congressman.

WHEN NOMINATED for the Presidency, he was so little known in some areas that the newspapers kept misspelling his name. They called him "Abram." Others printed phonetic pronunciations of his last name, so people would know how to say it.

NO OTHER PRESIDENT before "Ike" was so often referred to by a nickname—"Old Abe," "Honest Abe" and just plain "Abe." But nobody ever called Lincoln "Abe" to his face. His native dignity prevented any such familiarity, even from his closest friends. His wife called him "Mr. Lincoln."

A Story of the Life of Abraham Lincoln

(Written by Miss Ruby Lillian Crume, now deceased, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crume, of Vine Grove.)

Among the pioneer women who came to Kentucky from Virginia was one destined to become the grandmother of one of the greatest men that Kentucky ever produced. That woman was Bersheba Lincoln, the grandmother of President Abraham Lincoln. From her he inherited many things that contributed to his greatness. She was noted for her native shrewdness, her keen intellect, her boundless courage, and dogged perseverance.

Born in Virginia

Very little is known of her early life. She was born in Virginia in 1745. One tradition says that her maiden name was Herroit and that she was of French origin, and another says that it was Herrin. She evidently attended a colonial school as a child for she was able to write a fair hand as the marriage permit of her daughter, Nancy Ann, in 1801 bears her signature. (This permit is on file at the Washington County Courthouse). She married Capt. Abraham Lincoln in Rockingham County, Virginia, when she was about 24 years old. Her five children—Mordecai, Josiah, Thomas, Mary and Nancy Ann—were all born in that county.

In 1780 Capt. Lincoln, who had served under Gov. Patrick Henry on the Southern Trail during the Revolution, took advantage of the Treasury Land Script for land in the County of Kentucky offered in payment for services in that war by Virginia.

Capt. Lincoln Killed by Indians

He migrated, with his family, to Central Kentucky. Here he acquired over 5,000 acres of picked land in widely scattered parts of that section. The home of the family was located at Hughes' Station, on Long Run, in Jefferson County. Here in 1786, during crop planting time, Capt. Lincoln was killed

in a surprise attack by Indians. He died without a will and as the old English law was still in effect in America, the eldest son, Mordecai, by the law of primo-geniture, inherited all the land of the family. Thus, the mother with four children dependent upon her was left in a wild unsettled country with the meagre belongings of the average pioneer family. In a short time, she moved with her brood to Washington County. Little is known of her life there except that she kept the family together until most of them were married.

Children Marry

The first to marry was Mordecai, the eldest son. He married Mary Mudd in 1798. The next to marry was Nancy Ann, the youngest child. She married William Brumfield in February, 1801. Josiah married "Caty" Barlow in the same year and month as Nancy. In August of the same year, Mary married Ralph Crume.

About this time Bersheba began to center her interest on the family of Nancy and William Brumfield, with whom she made her home. Mary's husband, Ralph Crume, was many years her senior, and had been married before. He had been a soldier of the Revolution and like her father had taken advantage of the Treasury Land Script offered by Virginia and had taken up land in Central Kentucky. He had a comfortable home on a large farm near Hardinsburg, in Breckinridge County, to which he took his bride.

Thomas Lincoln Buys Hardin Land

Both Mordecai and Josiah had farms in Washington County. The former had inherited his farm from his father, the latter owed some on his, but was rapidly paying the debt. In 1803, Thomas Lincoln bought 238 acres of land on Mill Creek in northern Hardin County. He paid \$118 for this property. This was money that his mother had

saved for him when she had hired him out at a man's wage in Washington County. Shortly after Thomas bought this place, the Brumfields and Bersheba Lincoln moved to it.

In 1806, the Brumfields acquired a farm five miles north on Buffalo Run of Mill Creek. Here they built a large two-story log house with a large kitchen in the rear. Tradition says that Bersheba was the brains of the clan. She was endowed with a shrewd mind which made it possible for her to plan for the future. William Brumfield was rather indolent, but Bersheba pushed him along until they were one of the wealthiest families in the neighborhood. They owned a store, a blacksmith shop, and a stillhouse. Somehow or other she schemed and got the three-day elections held at their place.

Bersheba Died in 1833

"Granny" Lincoln, as she was called by the whole community after the coming of the Brumfield children, lived to a very ripe old age. She died in 1833, and was buried in the cemetery of the old pioneer Baptist Church of Mill Creek. At first her grave was marked with a large flat limestone rock turned on end with the letters "BL" carved near the top. Today the stone stands less than a foot high.

(The writer of this story was the great-great-granddaughter of William Crume, who was the son of Ralph Crume and his first wife, Polly Riggs.)

Illinois, Kentucky Governors To Be Here Next Week



This is a picture of the cemetery near Mill Creek on the Fort Knox reservation where Bersheba Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's grandmother, is buried. What was left of the old marker is circled at lower right. The cemetery has since been cleaned up, and the State of Illinois has erected a new marker at Ber-

sheba Lincoln's grave to replace the old one which had been ravaged by time, weather and souvenir hunters. Other markers shown above are at the graves of other members of the family.

To Present Lincoln Marker

Governor William G. Stratton of Illinois and Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky will be here next Wednesday, May 18, to dedicate a new marker which has been erected at the grave of Bersheba Lincoln in a cemetery near Mill Creek on the Fort Knox reservation.

The State of Illinois has erected the granite marker. Governor Stratton will officially present the 5-foot-high stone to Governor Combs and the people of Kentucky from the people of Illinois.

The ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. The cemetery is located about five miles east of Rogersville. Turn east at Rogersville and follow the signs. The Army has cleaned up the cemetery, graveled the road and made parking space for the occasion.

A dinner will follow the ceremony at the Elizabethtown Country Club Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Both governors are scheduled to attend. Tickets, at \$2.50 each, may be obtained from John Behen at First Hardin National Bank, Mrs. Ernest Wright at the Brown-Pusey House, Mrs. Wilbur Terry at the free public library or from the Chamber of Commerce office before Saturday.

Speaker at the banquet will be Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, formerly of Elizabethtown. He is a noted Lincoln authority and is presently director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation. He also is a member of the National Lincoln Sesqui-centennial Commission. Dr. McMurtry will review the lives of Captain Abraham Lincoln and his wife Bersheba.

Others taking part in the program will be Chaplain Donald F. Carter of Fort Knox, Elizabethtown Mayor Leonard T. Bean, William

H. Townsend, history profession at the University of Kentucky; Dr. Rhea A. Taylor, executive director of the Kentucky Lincoln Sesqui-centennial Commission.

The State of Illinois agreed to erect the new marker at the suggestion of the Hardin County Historical Society. The old marker had been chipped away by souvenir hunters and ravaged by time and weather.

Taking part in the afternoon program will be Dr. W. W. Slider of Elizabethtown, Maj. Gen. W. Paul Johnson, commanding general of the Armor Center; 158th Army Band, Glen D. Palmer, director of the Department of Conservation of Illinois; Governor Stratton, Governor Combs, Elizabethtown High School ensemble, Dr. Louis A. Warren, director emeritus of the Lincoln National Life Foundation and former pastor of the Christian church here, and W. Burton Cowley, president of the Hardin

County Historical Society.

Bersheba Lincoln was the grandmother of Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the United States. She was the wife of Captain Abraham Lincoln, who was killed by Indians and is buried in the Long Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Jefferson county. They lived on Mill Creek near where Bersheba is buried.

Inscribed on one side of the new marker are these words:

"Bersheba Lincoln whose grandson was the sixteenth President of the United States. Married Captain Abraham Lincoln in Virginia, accompanied him over the mountains to Kentucky, worked by his side to create a landed estate until he was killed by Indians in May, 1786."

On a bronze plaque on the other side is a message explaining that a stone set in the base of the marker is a piece from Abraham Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Illinois.

The Courier-Journal
May 18, 1960

Rites Today To Honor Lincoln Grandmother

Governors Combs of Kentucky and William G. Stratton of Illinois will take part today in a Fort Knox ceremony at 2 p.m. on Brooks Field honoring Bathsheba Lincoln, grandmother of Abraham Lincoln.

Stratton will present Kentucky with a monument containing a stone from the tomb of President Lincoln in Springfield, Ill. The monument will be placed at the grave of the grandmother in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery near Mill Creek on the Fort Knox reservation.

History Quiz Do You Remember?

Do you have a question for this column? Send it on a postcard, with your name and address, to History Quiz, Chicago Tribune, Chicago 11, Ill. If Ralph Newman, historian and Lincoln scholar, chooses your question for a future column, we'll pay you \$5.

BY RALPH G. NEWMAN

1. Where was the first high-rise [skyscraper] building erected?—Mrs. Harold F. Niemann, Chicago.



Newman

2. Who was Bathsheba Herring?—Eleanor Merriam, Chicago.

3. When and by whom was the first alarm clock made?—Miss Nell Clark, Dubuque, Ia.

4. What novel caused a governmental investigation of meat-packing houses?—Charles Kaularich, Chicago.

5. What early American patriot had a son who was officially designated as a traitor?—E. Duggan, Louisville, Ky.

[Answers in sec. 3, p. 45]

Ralph Newman's History Quiz Do You Remember?

ANSWERS

[Questions on page 4]

1. The first building known as a skyscraper was a ten story structure erected by the Home Insurance Company of New York at the northeast corner of La Salle and Adams streets in Chicago. It was designed by Maj. William LeBaron Jenney and built in 1884-5. It was constructed of marble, flanked by four columns of polished granite supporting a marble balcony. Two stories were added later. A steel frame supported the entire weight of the walls.



The Home Insurance building with 11th and 12th stories added.

2. When President Abraham Lincoln's paternal grandfather, whose name also was Abraham [1744-1786], sold his Virginia lands in 1780, his wife, Bersheba, signed the deed. President Lincoln's father, Thomas, was born the same year and died in 1851. Bersheba [or Bathsheba] is believed to have been a daughter of Leonard Herring and to have been her husband's second wife and the grandmother of President Lincoln.

3. The first alarm clock was made by Levi Hutchins of Concord, N. H., in 1787. It was 29 inches high and 14 inches wide and inclosed in a pine case with a mirror on the door. The alarm rang at a fixed time.

4. The publication, in 1906, of "The Jungle," a novel by Upton Sinclair, based on his observation of conditions in the Chicago stockyards, aroused nation-wide interest and caused President Theodore Roosevelt to institute an investigation. The result of this investigation was the passage of the meat inspection act and the pure food and drugs act. The book became a best seller in the United States and England and eventually was translated into 17 languages.

5. Benjamin Franklin [1706-1790], colonial and Revolutionary war statesman, had a son, William [1731-1813], presum-

ably by his common-law wife, Deborah Read. The boy became his father's close companion. When Benjamin Franklin went to England as agent for Pennsylvania and New Jersey, William accompanied him and in London entered the Middle Temple. He was admitted to the bar. In 1763, he became governor of New Jersey. When the Revolutionary war broke out, William Franklin remained in New Jersey, collecting and transmitting information to England. In 1776, the Provincial Congress of New Jersey declared him "an enemy to the liberties of this country," and he was ordered arrested. He was later exchanged with the British and spent the rest of his life in England. After the war, he was partially reconciled [by letter] with his father. His son, William Temple Franklin, was secretary to his grandfather when Benjamin Franklin served as representative of the Continental Congress in Paris [1776-1781] and later edited his works.

June 25, 1968
P. O. Box 78
Coatesville, Ind. 46121

Lincoln National Life Foundation
1301 South Harrison Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the Lincoln Kinsman sent to me by your office.

It certainly was an oversight on my part when I stated that the dollar was inclosed. I meant to inclose it, but my wife mailed it out before I got around to obtaining the Money Order.

May I say that I feel that if Bathsheba Herring was the sister of Jesse Herring, who was married in Pulaski County Kentucky 30 December 1818 by consent of Jane Herring for William Herring, deceased. He was married to a girl by the name of Rachel Clounch. Also Alexander Herrin married to Nancy Miser by consent of Isaac Herrin on 30 December 1818. William Herrin, married to Sally Evans 13 March 1805 by consent of Shadrack Herrin and John Evans. Also Isaac Herrin married to Hannah Collyer 29 Dec. 1810.

I was told that previous to that date I might find some marriage contracts in the Court house in Stanford, Kentucky; which is in Lincoln County. I intend to be in Stanford, Kentucky soon and intend to check the records there for the marriage contract of Bathsheba Herrin and Abraham Lincoln. Or at least Bathsheba.

I would like to establish the fact that William Herrin is the father of John Herrin who was married to Elizabeth Montgomery. John was born 9 April 1805 and Elizabeth was born 6 April 1813 according to the records in the old Bible belonging to John Herrin, my great-grandfather.

Yours respectfully,

Elston Herrin
Elston Herrin



January 1, 1971 David S. & Marjorie H. Keiser, 7733 Mill Rd., Elkins Park, Pa. 19117

David S. Keiser:- Happy New Year! The Keisers are well and happy....Norman and Peg Keiser spent Thanksgiving with us, and Christmas with Peg's family in Massachusetts. Last December 19, Norman's picture was printed in the Poughkeepsie Journal in connection with an article stating he is the supervisor of the newly created Poughkeepsie Street Academy, a state funded program to help school drop-outs and potential drop-outs with tutoring and other assistance. Thus Norman, after teaching ten years at Oakwood School, steps into a city job. The new program starts with about thirty students.... Peg continues her hospital work as an occupational therapist. She, also, enjoys weaving on her new loom in their new apartment at 73 Carroll Street. I, David, recently had printed in the June 7th Bulletin Sunday Magazine AN OPEN LETTER TO CASSIUS CLAY. He never replied thereto. ..At a recent Lincoln - Civil War Society meeting, I introduced the speaker, Mr. Clifford Owsley of Arlington, Va., who spoke on Lincoln's religion.

Marjorie H. Keiser:- May the New Year of 1971 bring peace and health to you and the world. David and I spent Christmas week with Mel, Beth and Megan, their 2 1/2 year old bundle of joy, at their Greensboro, N.C. home on Dolly Madison Road, so named because Dolly was born thereon. They live just off the campus of Guilford College, where Beth teaches English. A Yuletide feature much enjoyed by Megan's four grandparents was the surprise visit of us five Keisers to a birthday party of Beth's father at Williamsburg, Virginia, where he and his wife were visiting. David and I also visited the Melbeths in N.C. last June. Mel is doing graduate study at Duke University, about fifty miles from Greensboro. He is not teaching this year. Mel and Beth have excellent slides of their summer trip - to Colorado to attend a Danforth conference and visits to Minnesota, New Mexico, and California to see (Beth's) relatives...Melvin had transferred his Germantown Meeting membership to Greenboro's Friendship Meeting, of which Mel is an Overseer.

David is now the only active Lincoln genealogist. He is having fun evaluating certain would-be ancestors of Abraham Lincoln and his mother, Nancy Hanks.. The names I hear him mention oftenest (in his sleep) are a Lucy and a Bathsheba, with last names of Hanks and Herring. On 12-29-1970, he became the first-ever to find a documented Bathsheba Herring-(in an old will). D.S. Keiser has also found a new mother and a new father for Nancy Hanks, from the same data others have used. In 1969, he solved a 300 year old enigma, "Who were Lincoln's first American ancestors?". They were Lincoln's Pilgrim forbears, the three who sailed for Plymouth Rock from Armagh, Ireland, in 1624. The family-head, Rev. John Lyford, actually became a "historical figure of old New England", when he became the first ordained minister of Plymouth Colony, yet he was arrested and jailed by Captain Miles Standish. A decade ago, David found those Quaker ancestors for Lincoln that he so often wrote of having in Pennsylvania. They were the Flowers and the Barnards of Marcus Hook, Pa., circa 1700. =OVER

As I, Marjorie, send this New Year letter to families for whom I have baby-sat over the years, I have happy memories of their children, now grown. I still "sit", and enjoy the children as much as ever. I, too, like work at the Polls, on election days, Knitting is a hobby. I knitted a dress for Beth Keiser, one of our two lovely daughters-in-law, recently. I read mostly Pearl Buck's books. I love our twelve cats, six of which are kittens just about old enough for adoptions. If interested, phone 215 ME 5-1682.

We enjoy our three-month summers at our cabin at Camp Lenape at Tafton, Pa. 18464, in the Poconos. What pure joy and freedom I experience as I hike in God's Woods with the reality of His Presence, and a feeling of oneness with every living thing from the tiniest creature to the persons of the whole human family.

Three of the past four summers we have been besieged by the neighbors to rent our house to families moving into Elkins Park from foreign countries. We eventually complied. They were the Hieberts from Switzerland, the Whittams from England.

SCOTT, Jonathan - D. February 25, 1781

County: . Duplin
Sis: Mary Scott, Jenny Chesnutt, Jerusha Murphrey,
Peggy Ades, Ashe Scott
Exec: Mother (not named)
Wit: David James, Jacob Fryer, Winaford Fryer

SESSIONS, Richard - D. April 7, 1816

Wife: Esther Sessions
Sons: Joseph, Richard, Jesse, Philip (dec'd),
David, Boon, William, Uriah Sessions
Daus: Bathshaba Herring, Mary Dodd, Winifred Ses-
sions, Sarah Cromartie
Exec: Sons, William, Uriah Sessions, Peter Cromartie
Wit: James Williamson, Hiram Blackburn, Laban
Tatom, John Wright, Jr.

SEAW, Catherine - D. September 15, 1877 - P. May 12, 1897

Granddau: Martha Ann Stephens
Wit: Anney Stephens, Daniel McKinnon

This first-ever documentation of
a Bathsheba Herring will prove that
Lincoln never had HERRING ancestry.

One must look for a new Bathsheba!

Found by D.S. Keiser 7733 Mill Road
ELKINS PARK, Pa. 19117 1-8-1971

Too Many Bathshebas



These North Carolina Will-Abstra
are lifted from a book thereon.

Camp Lenape Tafton Pa 18464 Sept 26 1972

Dear Dr. McMurtry,

Thank you for reminding me, "if someone had proved or disproved the illegitimacy myth, I "would have already heard about it." Yes, I've done just that. Have two versions - a ten page version for some historical magazine, explaining how, why, and by whom, the myth started, why Dennis Hanks said what he did, why Herndon printed it, etc. The other version is a three page one in which there is not any mention of Dennis Hanks or William Herndon, and instead of three ways of rigorously disproving it, there are ^{given} but two.

I have been patiently working these past 25 years, and full time the past ten years, solving Lincoln mysteries, like the identities of his three unknown ^{grandparents} ~~ancestors~~. Through finding the very first documented Bathsheba Herring, I can 100% disprove that Lincoln's grandfa married a Herring. The ~~Dearest~~ there ever was to a Bathsheba Herring Lincoln was a Bath Sessions Herring, i. e. Some Herring relatives recalled an old BATHSHEBA HERRING. Whether she was Miss Bathsheba Herring or Mrs Bathsheba Herring made no difference. She never was a Miss Herring that married a Lincoln. Remember how the Chrismans and such always talked of the Bathsheba Herring in their family, never of a Bathsheba Herring Lincoln. I repeat, "they all" remembered the old (great aunt ?) Bathsheba Herring. I also have discovered the first ~~st~~ ancestors of Pres. Lincoln to reach America - in 1624 from Armagh, Ireland. He, a John Lyford, was an authentic historical character, mentioned in New England history books. His daughter (Martha) married Samuel Lincoln about 1649. Lyford graduated from Oxford in 1597, and got his Master's degree five years later. I have obtained the 100% disproof that Lincoln had Winter ancestry. Winter willed some property to his grandson TOM LINCOLN, but as he mentioned Tom's dad in same will, it was not Lincoln's dad, but a THOMAS LINCOLN, Jr.. I've failed to find where Samuel Lincoln came from, tho I once thought I was getting his parentage. I didn't.

Sincerely,

David S. Keiser
David S. Keiser

*Drawn / Allen
Ben. Grand parents*

Lincoln Tombstone Stolen

Sept-11-1975
26 The Lexington Leader, Lexington, Ky., Tr

FT. KNOX, Ky. (AP) — Something of value has been stolen from Ft. Knox, but it's not a gold brick that Kentucky state troopers are looking for.

Someone, somehow, spirited away the tombstone that marked the grave of Bersheba Lincoln, the grandmother of Abraham Lincoln. The granite monument was stolen from a remote cemetery on the military reservation.

Military police learned from an anonymous call on Labor Day that the stone had been taken.

State police say so far, they have found no clues.

Army engineers discovered the graves of Lincoln's ancestors in 1952 when they cleaned 94 civilian cemeteries that had been acquired by the base along with old farm land.

The graveyard where Lincoln's grandmother was buried is on the site of the old Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Lincoln's grandmother and her two daughters and a son-in-law were discovered to be buried in the cemetery. Lincoln was born in Kentucky but later moved to Illinois.

Former Illinois Gov. William G. Stratton and a group of dignitaries visited the site in 1960 with a gift from the state that adopted the name, "Land of Lincoln." The gift was the monument for Lincoln's grandmother.

Sam McDowell, a cemetery buff and author of "Fort Knox Cemeteries," says it is unlikely epitaph collectors or graveyard genealogists would steal the tombstone.

Lincoln Genealogy by Waldo Lincoln.

Thomas Lincoln married June 12 1806 (Washington Co. Ky. records) on Beach Fork ,Washington Co. Ky. ,Nancy daughter it is claimed of Joseph and Nancy (Shipley) Hanks pf Amelia Co. Va. and Elizabethtown Ky. ,born Feb.5 1784 in Amelia Co. . She died Oct. 5 1818 at Gentryville Ind. Few women honestly married have been so maligned as she and strangely enough all thecaluminious stories of her origin and marriage have been due to the ordulity of one man whose ppportunities of learning the truth from the lip of the living were unequalled but who seemed to have put undue faith in the ststatements of Dennis Hanks who appears to have gone out of his way to caluminate and belittle both Nancy and her husband. Mr,Wm H.Herndon in the preface to his Life of Abraham Lincoln says "My long personal association with Mr. Lincoln gave me special facilities in the direction of obtaining materials for these volumes . Such werer our relations during all that portion of his life when he was rising to distinction that I had only to exercise a moderate vigilance in order to gather and preserve the real data of his personal career" . Yet Herndon and Lamon who used Herndons collections in writing his Life of Lincoln both believed until 1882 when the marriage record of Thomas and Nancy was discovered in Washington Co. that both Abraham and his mother were illegitimate and Herndon goes so far as to say that Abraham himself told him in 1850 ,the only time when Mr. Lincoln ever refered to his ancestry "that his mother was the illegitimate daughter of Lucy Hank s and a well bred Virginia farmer". Elsewhere Mr. Herndon tells us that Mr. Lincoln usually had but little to say himself of the lives of his parents or the history of his family before their removal to Indiana. If he mentioned the Subject at all at was with great reluctance and significant reserve. There was something about his origin he never cared to dwell upon. In 1900 Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock published "Nancy Hanks the Story of Abraham Lincolns Mother" in which she attemots to prove that Nancy was the eighth and youngest

child of Joseph and Nancy Shipley Hanks : that they removed from Virginia to Kentucky about 1789 and settled near Elizabethtown : that her father died in 1793 leaving a will dated Jan 9 1793 in which he names his wife and all his children and leaves to my daughter Nancy one heifer yearling called Peidy; that after her mothers death Nancy went to live with her mothers sister Mrs. Richard Berry who was Lucy Shipley before her marriage and that this Richard Berry calling himself "garden" with Thomas Lincoln signed the marriage bond of Thomas and Nancy Hanks two days before the marriage which marriage is recorded in the records of Washington Co. at Springfield certified by ~~the~~ Jesse Head D.M.E.ch (Deacon Methodist Episcopal church) The bond which is printed in facsimile in Miss Tarbells "Life of Lincoln" Vol 1 p/10 reads as follows (did not copy the bond as I thought it was in Warrens Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood" but cant find it) Since the publication of Mrs. Hitchcocks book its statements have been accepted generally as true. If they are it is inconceivable that Abraham who was in his tenth year when his mother died and had lived nearly all his life near his mothers relatives should have believed that either he or his mother were illegitimate or should have been told by his father or even by Dennis Hanks that his mother was the daughter legitimate or illegitimate of Lucy Hanks of whose existence no evidence has thus far been produced. Yet it is to be regretted that Mrs. Hitchcock has not presented more conclusive evidence to prove that Joseph Hanks daughter named in his will was born as stated on Feb. 5 1784 and was the Nancy who was ~~married~~ married to Thomas Lincoln in 1806, Unfortunately Mrs. Hitchcocks statements concerning Mr and Mrs. Richard Berry are contradicted by the fact recently communicated to the writer that Richard Berry Sr. died in 1798 his will recorded in will book A p. 134 in which his wife is called Rachel . Nor was the wife of the younger Richard who was probably the signer of the marriage bond named Lucy but Cally or Sally ,his marriage to Cally Ewing being recorded . There was therefore no kind

Uncle Richard and Aunt Lucy as they were called by Mrs. Hitchcock for Nancy to have lived with until she was married and this rather casts a doubt upon all of Mrs Hitchcocks conclusions. It is hoped that further investigations may prove them correct.

Magazine "Genealogy" Sept. 1920.

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In the quaint village of Hingham England County of Norfolk, the Lincolns were tradespeople as early as the fifteenth century.

2

Samuel Lincoln of Norfolk Co. came to New England in 1737 at the age of 18, settled in Hingham Mass. , one of the earliest and most picturesque towns in the colony

3.

Mordecai Lincoln ,fourth son of Samuel was born in Hingham June 15 1657 He married Sarah Jones in Hull Mass. and removed to Scituate ,another quaint old town in 1704

4.

The first son ,Mordecai, Lincoln Jr. born April 24 1686 with his younger brother, Abraham, removed to Freehold Monmouth Co. N.J. Abraham was the village blacksmith.

5.

In Freehold N.J. Mordecai married in 1710 Hannah Salter daughter of Richard Salter Berks Co. Penna. 1736.

6

John Lincoln eldest son of Mordecai Jr. in 1758 moved to Augusta Co. Va. Here in the wilderness he built one of the first log cabins . He had five sons among them Abraham

7.

Abraham the second of the name ,son of John ,married Mary Shipley who came from North Carolina , and they went to live on a farm in Tennessee in the Wautauga Valley. There is no more historic spot in America than the Wautauga Valley Here the Wautauga Association set up the first free and

independent government upon the continent. Here the Kings Mountain Boys gathered from the hills and valleys to go and fight one of the decisive battles of the Revolution.

9.

At Wautauga the father of Abraham Lincoln was born . He grew to be a tall and stalwart pioneer and an expert hunter . While a lad he hired himself to his uncle Isaac Lincoln , living on Wautauga Creek.

In 1782 Abraham and son Thomas moved in covered wagons to Kentucky entered a tract of 400 acres on Licking Creek and built a cabin at Fort Beargrass.

Lincoln Genealogy by Waldo C. Lincoln.

Mr Lincoln married mlicense given June 6 1770 in Augusta Co. ~~Georgia~~ Virginia, Bathsheba daughter it is claimed of Leonard Herring of Bridgewater Va. , whose birth and death have not been learned. the marriage license is printed in "Abstracts from the records of Augusta Co. Va. vol. 2 p.277" but unfortunately the name of the bride is not given.

In claiming that her name was Bathsheba Herring the writer is aware that he is contradicting ^every biographer of Pres. Lincoln since Nicholay and Hay on the authority of Hon. J.L.Nall of Missouri , first claimed that Abraham Lincoln married Mary Shipley and that she was the mother of all his children. Mr J.Henry Lea in searching for data for the ancestry of Abraham Lincoln seems to have been the first to notice that ⁱⁿ the deed by which Abraham Lincoln sold his lands in Virginia, his wife was called Bathsheba but he did not learn of the record of Abrahams marriage license and accepted too hatily unsupported statemenrts as to the dates of birth of Abraham and his children.

On the facts as he had them, Lea concluded that Mary Shipley was Abrahams first wife and the mother of four of his children; that she died about 1778 taht Abraham married Bathsheba Herring as his second wife about 1779 and that she was the mother of Thomas who? Lea claimed, was born Jan. 20 1780, ignoring the age which Pres. Lincoln in his family Bible ascribed to his father at his death, which would place Thomas's birth on Jan. 6 1778 and apparently ignorant that Nancy , the youngest child of Abraham was born March 25 1780. Mr Lea assumed that it was Bathshebas confinement with Thomas in Jan. 1780 which accounted for her inability to attend the County Court in Feb. 1780 and in Sept. 1781. He ~~explained~~ expressed a doubt whether she ever went to Kentucky and survived her husband , for the reason that , as teh mother of Thomas she would have defended the youth from the abuse and neglect which according to tradition he suffered at the hand s of his elder brothers. Honorable J.L.Nall of Carthage Mo. the

great grandson of Abraham Lincoln by his younger daughter Nancy, persuaded Nicolay and Hay that Abraham married Mary Shipley. Mr. Nalls sister, Mrs Louise Hardaway of Jasper Mi., informed the writer that she remembered very distinctly her great grandmother Lincoln who lived to be near one hundred years old and died at the home of her daughter Nancy and is buried in Mill Creek graveyard in Hardin Co. Kentucky, but no stone marks her grave. Mrs. Hardaway was not positive that Abrahams wifes name was Mary but that ~~it was not Bathsheba~~ was the impression she had always had, and she was not certain that it was not Bathsheba but that, whatever her name, she was the mother of all the children. Maj. George Chrisman of Rockingham Co. Va. informed the writer that his great Aunt Betsey Herring, a maiden lady and a niece of Leonard Herring, the reputed father of Bathsheba, always said that Mordecai Lincoln was a son of Abraham and Bathsheba. She was confirmed by Mr. John Herring, a cousin of Maj. Chrisman. To reconcile these conflicting statements, it was recently the theory of the writer that Bathsheba was Abrahams first wife and the mother of all his children; that she fell ill after the birth of Nancy which occurred March 25 1780, from which illness she died soon after renouncing her dower rights; that Abraham having sold his Virginia farm and purchased lands in Kentucky to which he had made all preparations to move, found himself a widower with five children, two of whom were in absolute need of a mothers care and that he therefore married for a second wife and probably before leaving Va. Mary shipley who was therefore the stepmother of all the children and looked upon by the younger children as their mother, Nancy certainly being unable to remember any ~~other~~ other.

This theory has been proven false by a recent discovery among old papers in the Kentucky State Capitol at Frankfort of a number of early tax lists including the one for Washington Co. for the years 1792, 1795, and 1800. These discredit the statements of Mr. Noll and Mr. Hardway and establish the fact that Bathsheba survived her husband and was certainly living in 1792 in Washington County Ky where she was taxed on Oct. 16 as one

owning one horse and ten cattle but no land and as having one white male in her family between the ages of 16 and 21. this could not have been Thomas who was 14 years old in 1792 and must have been Josiah ,proving that he was born between 1771 and 1776 and not on July 10 1766 as given in the ancestry of Abraham Lincoln p 84 . Mordecai the oldest son was t taxed the same day as his mother being designated as a white male over 21 and must therefore have been born before Oct. 16 1771 as ~~han~~ he was taxed dor 100 a. of land 1 horse and 2 cattle and as he and his mother were listed on the same day it is safe to assume that they were living together as one family, the mother owning most of the live stock . In 1795 the family had seperated as Hosiah and Thomas are listed seperately and Bathshebas name disappears nor does it reappear in the list of 1800. she may have removed removed from Washington Co. or perhaps was living ~~at~~ with her daughter Mary or she may have died tho the recollection of Mr. Hardaway is that her great grandmother lived to a great age in which she may be right ,for tho she and Mr. Nallare evidently mistaken as to her name they may be correct in other Particulars.

These tax lists as to whose discovery and contents the writer is indebted to the courtesy of Rev. Wm. E. Barton ,are of the utmost importance as rendering it practically certain that Abraham had but one wife .whose ~~ex~~ christian name was Bathsheba, who, was the mother of all his children and survived him at least untill 1792, tthat her surname was Herring is p probable tho her parentage and descent as previously given are bybno means proved. It is taken from the account of the family in the Ancestry of Abraham Lincoln which seems to be based largely on the tradition and is not supported by evidence. According to Abstracts from the Records of Augusta Co. vol 2 p. 276 Leonard Herron was granted a marriage liecehse in August 1762 . This may have been a second marriage but if not he could not have had a daughter old enough to be married in 1770. The conditions of the Rockingham Co. records make it extremely doubtful that Bathshebas parentage will ever be proved.

Extract from Lincoln Magazine.

Abraham Lincoln, son of John married Mary Shipley of North Carolina

They had issue- Mordecai, Josiah, Thomas, Mary and Nancy.

HERRING FAMILY

VIRGINIA (Bedford)

- Herring, William - 1765 - June 23 Overseer of Road died intestate
 William was charged - a school master in track at public school
 signers to School - Jacob Lincoln, David Brumfield, Michael Warren
 children of wife by second wife - William, Charles, James and Mary
 Heir who married Thomas Mitchell
 May 1804 See Abraham Campbell and James his wife VS. 176
 HS 62
- Herring, Alexander - and Abigail his wife on Linville Creek 1765 Mar 2
 - affords ad survey 1777
 20000 land 1751
 abides right county VI P 119
- Herring, Thomas - A brother of William wife - Jane
 when died at his house
 on tax list 1792
- Herring, Leonard - Road Petition 1765
 - August 1761 married - ?
 = Augusta County Militia 1758
 - to brother Abraham, Am, Zethuel + Jesse 1778
 tax list 1792
- Herring, Joseph - 1755
- Herring, James - 1755
- Herring, Samuel - 1755
- Herring, Abraham - m Abigail (1763)
- Herring, Elizabeth Sept 26 1780 - m. Joseph Hall
- " Abigail Mar 16 1782 - m. Andrew Shanklin
- " Zethuel Aug 11 1782 - m. Mary Miller constable in 1773
- " William (Road) Dec 28 1786 - m. Hannah Robertson d. Peter (w/ Sarah Herring)
- " Sarah Apr 9 1793 - m. Wm Lowrey
- " Hannah Oct 26 1794 - m. Isaac Norman
- " Alexander Mar 14 1793 - m. Margaret Smith
- " " m. Margaret Reed

HERRON FAMILY

VIRGINIA

Before 1765 { Herron, Alexander } lived in Augusta, from Rockingham as early as 1746
 ——— Abigail.

1755 Herron, James } appraiser of Estates in Rockingham Co.
 " Joseph
 Samuel

August 1761 Herron, Leonard married in Augusta Co.

Dec. 28 1786 { Herring, William son of Leonard H. (died) Thomas + John Robertson
 Robertson, Hannah d. of Peter R. Sarah Herring
 married by Benjamin Erwin Jan 8 1787

Sept 26 1780 { Hall, Joseph
 Herring, Elizabeth

Mar 16 1782 Shanklin, Andrew
 Herring, Abigail

Aug 16 1782 Herring, Zithael a constable in 1773
 Miller, Mary

Apr 9 1793 Lowry, Wm
 Herring, Sarah

Sept 2 1794 Norman, Isaac
 Herring, Hannah

Small 21 May Co.

Shark on board Feb 7 1924.

12 N. P.
57 W. H. L. C.
22 L. M. B.
60 L. L. L.

24 N. P. Feb 21 1925

C 3 Junk Feb 7 1924

14 L. N. P.
114 W. H. L. C.
54 L. M. B.
60 L. L. L.

12 N. P. Feb 21 1925

Herrin, William.

died intestate in 1806

widow, Elizabeth

children - Sarah Herrington; Rebecca, Edith, Margaret, William S.

Herrin, Alexander, died intestate August 1751

Leonard, Benoit

widow

children Leonard, William, Bethune, Jesse.

Herrin Leonard

children William, Abigail, Harriet, Eoson,

Herrin Elizabeth, died Feb 1821

children, Alexander, Elizabeth, Edith Shuckles

- Rebecca Davis - Margaret Porter, "Leon Herrin

- Sarah Herrington (widow) Abigail Chaplin (widow,)

Herrin William

children by second wife

William, Charity, Jane, Mary Mitchell.

Barton's Theory

Gertrude Herrin

Daughter of Leonard Herrin of Bridgewater, Va.

Died in 1836

Leon son of Bethune Herrin

John son of John Herrin

Herrin John. — married — Inman, & Erwin
dublin

1. Bethuel. still living in 1794
2. John Killeen or Rockledge
3. Leonard names a School Busby her name 13 children
Justina born at Binge waters at old Henry Plantation
- 4 William, married. — Stephenson

John Herrin buried in millbrook cemetery at
Harrisonburg

In 1792 the Herrin family lived at Dayton where
some of them still live.

Members of the Herrin Family

Alexander Herrin lived in the Linville Creek region of Augusta county, Va. (now Rockingham county) as early as 1746. He emigrated to Virginia from the north, probably from Pennsylvania. His name appears in the records of Augusta county in a number of places, and in some places it is spelt herron and herren. In the county records are also found the following names: William Herren, Joseph, Samuel, Leonard, and Bethwell or Bethuel herring. The last named was a constable in 1773. William herren owned 576 acres of land in Rockingham county in 1789.

B.C. Chappelear

We the Undernamed Subscribers ----- duly Sworn to appease the Following articles for the Use of an Expedition against the Wabash Indians Commanded by General Cla----- for Capt. George Pomeroy's Company; September the 8th, 1786.

A Cow the Property of Richard Chenowitz to Six Pounds	<i>Collins 358</i>	-----	6	-	0	-	0
A Steer the Property of John McManes to Four Pounds	"	-----	4	-	0	-	0
A Steer the Property of Thomas Curry to Six Pounds		-----	6	-	0	-	0
A Cow the Property of James Denny to Seven Pounds		-----	7	-	0	-	0
A Steer the Property of Robert Eakens to Six Pounds		-----	7	-	0	-	0
A Stray Steer at William Murrys at Linns Station to Three Pounds	<i>James A. Sturges</i>	-----	3	-	0	-	0
A bull supposed to be the Property of Capt. Brakenridge or William Robison		-----	6	-	0	-	0
A steer the Property of John Humes to six Pounds		-----	6	-	0	-	0
A Cow the Property of Christian Shake to six Pounds		-----	6	-	0	-	0
A Blanket the Property of Arthur Chenowitz to one pound fourteen shillings		-----	1	-	14	-	0
A Steer the Property of John Reed to Five Pounds		-----	5	-	0	-	0
A Blanket the Property of Robert Mc Cune to twelve shillings		-----	0	-	12	-	0
A Bag the Property of Sam Shannon of Narsheres Creer		-----	0	-	9	-	0
A Bag the Property of Moses Kirkpatrick to Nine Shillings		-----	0	-	9	-	0
A bag the Property of George Pomeroy to twelve shillings		-----	0	-	12	-	0
A bag the Property of William Rice to fifteen shillings		-----	0	-	15	-	0
Four Lash Ropes four Halters belonging to James A. Sturges Senr.		-----	0	-	6	-	0
A Packsaddle belonging to John Holt		-----	0	-	10	-	0
A Gun the Property of Moses Tyler		-----	7	-	0	-	0
A Gun Shotbag and Powderhorn the Property of Robt. Tyler		-----	7	-	0	-	0
A Shotbag Powderhorn Blanket and Packsaddle the Property of Henner Seaton		-----	2	-	0	-	0
A Gun the Property of the Widow Lincoln		-----	8	-	0	-	0
A Mare the Property of George Pomeroy	<i>Collins 373</i>	-----	18	-	0	-	0
A Mare the Property of James Patterson		-----	20	-	00	-	0
A Packsaddle the Property of Blair Ballard		-----	0	-	9	-	0
A Blanket the Property of Benj. Hun	<i>Long Run</i>	-----	1	-	0	-	0
A Packsaddle the Property of Robt. McCune		-----	0	-	6	-	0
A Horse the Property of William Murry		-----	25	-	0	-	0
A Gun the Property of Abner Hughes with Shotbag and horn	<i>Long Run</i>	-----	9	-	0	-	0
A Bag the Property of John Reed to twelve shillings		-----	0	-	12	-	0
A Bag the Property of John Sharp to twelve shillings		-----	0	-	12	-	0
A Mare the Property of John Reed to Sixteen Pounds		-----	16	-	0	-	0
A bell the Property of John Reed to ten shillings		-----	0	-	10	-	0
A bell and bell strap the Property of Nicholas Russel		-----	0	-	12	-	0
A Horse the Property of Eden Horton to twelve pounds		-----	12	-	0	-	0
A bag the Property of Daniel Curry to six shillings		-----	0	-	6	-	0

James A. Sturges
Henner Seaton

Long Run
Long Run

LINCOLN VS. YORK

LAND COVENANT BROKEN

Feb. 1, 1788

I promise or cause to be done for Barshe Lincoln
the clearing of two acres of land smack smothe for four pounds the work is to be done
this spring and six acres more to be cleared for for the plow for six pounds.

Test
James Cullough

Jerimejah York
Entertined before signed

Suit brought against him for covenant broken and recover
of 20 pounds asked.

May 20, 1788

Endorsement

Not executed by order of Plaintiff.

Bundel Judgments, August, 1788

Thompson Bridges
August, 1788

Holmes County Court (ancient)



Dr. T. W. Johnson Gov. James D. Williams John W. Furnas Alex Herron
 Dandridge Tucker Gen. George Russ J. D. Kingsbury, of Indiana Farmer
 Levi Pennington Dr. Allen Furnas

GOV. WILLIAMS AS A FARMER

Log Rolling on the Farm of Dr. Furnas near Danville, Ind.

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 Wade, Norton & Co.

Indiana Magazine of History June '26

Jefferson County Circuit Court Papers

Court House

June 4, 1883

John Todd's name

Know all men by the presents that I Squire Boone and Paul Steel of the
County of Lincoln and State of Virginia promise to pay seven shillings....
to Frances Jack

Feb. 21, 1783

1st. Joseph Wilson

Benj. Roberts appeared as bail for Boone

Squire Boone

Paul x Steel

#1213

Walter Stallard signed as witness on certificate of Floyd to Wells.

Samuel Wells signature

June 20, 1785

#2248

Squire Boone of Jefferson County to Isaac Hite 210 pounds, April
24, 1784

Test. Ben Patton

Jos. Hite

Squire Boone

#369

I acknowledge myself to be bail for Capt. John Rogers. Given under my hand
the 31st January 1784

Test Ben Pope

Executed John Clark bail

Ben Pope, D.S.

#339

Edward Goodwin Dan Triplett

with

Bland Ballard October 4, 1781

#358

Signature of W. Clark on an endorsement by John Montgomery, April
7, 1785

#869

Catherine Frye, asse

John Read, asse

Isaac Keller, asse

vs.

Papers Joseph Sprigg and William Pope, Ex'or. Meredith Price, December

"We the subscribers do promise to pay Isaac Keller his certain attorney heirs or assigns the just and full sum of 3 pounds 5 shillings current money of Virginia with lawful interest thereon if not punctually paid by the twenty seventh day of November next ensuing value received of him to which payment will and hereby to be made. We bind ourselves our each of our several heirs, executors and administrators Lincoln by these presents in the penal sum of six pounds ten shillings money aforesaid. Witness our hand and seal this 27th May Anno Dom 1783.

Sealed and Delivered
In presence of
D. T. Standeford
Moses Kuykendall

Joseph Sprigg, seal
Mer.th Price seal

(To be ordered vs. Wm. Pope
Ex'or. of Price)

Endorsements

Memorandum. The within Bond was taken for a saddle the private property of the within names Isaac Keller

Mer.th Price

I do assign over all my right and title of the within note to Thomas Reed for value received of him as witness my hand this 12th day of October, 1783.

Isaac Keller

I do hereby assign over the within note unto Cally George it being for value received of her as witness my hand this 21 day of December 1783.

John Reed

Test.

Abrm. Lincoln

Keller

vs

Sprigg &
Price

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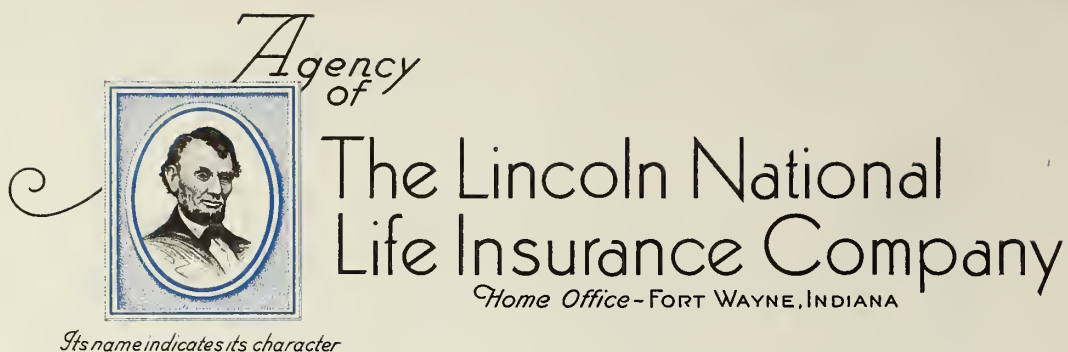
page 233 - Abraham Lincoln the husband of B. H.

page 285 - Abraham Lincoln as stated married B. H.
His license was granted June 9 1770.

Early biographers said just my man, simple,
later investigations are agreed that there
was only one wife Zerkuba.

page 286 - Died right by A. L. + Zerkuba.

282 . Acknowledge that her source of information
to Chapman was incorrect.



Policy No.

Enclosed is a Policy Loan Note for \$.
From this amount the following deductions will be made when the
check is issued:

A. Alexander 1735 Herring Family
wife Margaret

aa alexander - 1708 - 1778 married Margaret (Harrison)?

ab Eady daughter -

ac Esther (wood) -

ad Sarah (Bulfinch)

above children mentioned in will

John Lincoln children

Hannah

Sydney

Sarah

Rebecca

Mary + Mary.



Policy No.

Enclosed is a Policy Loan Note for \$.
From this amount the following deductions will be made when the
check is issued:

Montgomery, Elizabeth

married a Mr. Gamory

Montgomery, Elizabeth

married a Mr. Fowler.

Both Augusta County

POSSIBLE PATERHAL GRANDPARENTS

PARENTS OF PIONEER'S WIFE

Boone. Josiah b. 1726 } married May 30. 1750. (Hannah was his wife in 1777)
 Hannah H. } she may have been a daughter of Thomas Boone
 Took out removal from Exeter meeting in 1762
 Bought land of John & Esther Boone Lincolns Crk. 1768
 Josiah's brother Michael Shanks 100 acre land 1777 Lincolns sold to Shanks 1780
 " cousin Ann " Abraham Lincoln 2 of hands
 " cousin Daniel Boone (b. 1734)
 A Josiah Boone in Jefferson county Kentucky 1787

Winters. William } married (2d) 1747 first child born in 1748.
 Boone. Ann (widow) } widower Robt Harrison, well in 1761
 Four sons and seven daughters by this marriage.
 Bought land on Lincolns Crk in 1762 of John Miller & Hannah
 William Winters of Graves Co So far sold land in 1767
 daughter - 1) Hannah - (Henry Miller)
 2) Elizabeth m. (Abraham Lincoln)
 3) Nancy - m. George Crawford Jan 22, 1759.
 George? served in Revolutionary war from Berks County 1776
 John - went to Kentucky with A.S. just before Lincolns died to rec about land claim

Herring. Leonard } married. 1761
 Abigail

In August county meeting 1758 On road petition 1765
 Brothers. Alexander, Wm. - Bethuel Jesse living in 1778
 Her at law of Alexander Herring
 Sister Abigail. Edith?
 Children. William m. Daniel Curry Jan 22 1801
 Abigail m. Robert Erwin Jan 22 1801
 Naomi m. John Erwin Mar 18 1800
 Easton m.

GOIN

2nd sons

